

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claims 129-131 are pending. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 129-131 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Karasawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,200,843 ("KARASAWA") in view of Konno, U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015 ("KONNO").

Independent claims 129-130 have been amended to recite an additional element [d] and independent claim 131 has been amended to recite an additional element [c] for adjusting at least one of the two or more primary color beams of light by removing at least a predetermined portion of electromagnetic energy from the at least one beam at a beam stop.

This additional element has support based on at least Figures 8-8D and their corresponding text in the Specification.¹

Neither KARASAWA nor KONNO discloses or suggests a system that has a beam stop prior to the LCDs to absorb unwanted light. Based on the foregoing, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

II. Previous Arguments

The Examiner was not persuaded by Applicant's arguments and claim amendments made in a response filed on September 27, 2005 to the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2005. Applicant hereby expressly retracts those arguments and claim amendments in their entirety.²

¹ The embodiments described in the Specification (or illustrated in the Figures) are merely exemplary. Therefore, the claims should not be construed to cover only the exemplary embodiments described (or illustrated).

² Such retracted arguments should, therefore, not form the basis for any claim construction or prosecution history estoppel.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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